

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Examiner's final Office Action of October 19, 2007 issued with respect to the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment of the claims and the below Remarks.

Regarding Amendment

In the Amendment:

independent claim 1 is amended to specify that the capper of the first portion removably engages with the capping mechanism of the second portion during attachment of the first and second portions. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, page 7, line 18-page 8, line 5 and page 11, line 15-page 12, line 8 of the present specification; and dependent claims 2-7 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application, nor any new issues to the prosecution of the present application.

Regarding 35 USC 103(a) Rejections

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of above-described amended independent claim 1, and claims 2-7 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by any one or more of previously cited Pawlowski, Waller and Silverbrook '908 in view of newly cited Silverbrook (US 6,824,242), because the printhead assembly 11 and platen member 14 disclosed by Silverbrook '242 are integral parts of the print engine assembly together with the drive motor 17 since all of these components are fixedly mounted to the chassis 10 of the print engine assembly (see col. 4, line 50-7 and col. 8, line 30-col. 9, line 20).

Thus, no combination of Pawlowski, Waller and Silverbrook '908 and '242 would result in a capper of a first portion removably engaging with a capping mechanism of a second portion during attachment of the first and second portions, as is required by amended independent claim 1.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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